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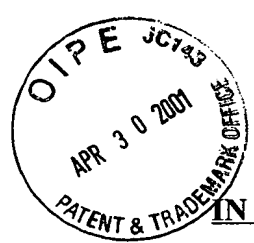
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In the Application of)
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Takashi Ejiri)
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for AN APPARATUS FOR VISUALLY)
CHECKING THE OPERATIONAL STATUS)
OF A STOP VALVE, AND A MANUAL)
OPENING APPARATUS FOR A)
NORMALLY-CLOSED VALVE)
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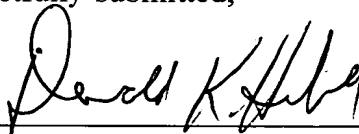
SIR:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant hereby wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the document listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also being forwarded herewith.

Any fee required by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, and any attendant fees, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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